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This group from UNCW traveled to India in May to study development and globalization. Pictured in front of Belur Temple in Hassan, Karnataka, are (back row) Bryan Braswell, professor Paige Tan, Allison McMurry and Charles Detoma; (middle row) Holly Howell, Autumn Beam, Cheryl Lowda and Adrienne McTigue; (front right) Emily Ball. Photo by Autumn Beam



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Dear alumni and friends,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for the extraordinary support you generously give to UNCW. Alumni and friends serve as student mentors, board members and campus volunteers. You attend athletic events, alumni celebrations, arts exhibits, lectures and more. Your achievements reflect on UNCW, and we're proud to have you represent the university within your communities.

In 2008-09, donors like you provided UNCW with \$7 million in gifts, despite the most difficult national economy in decades. Total gift commitments to the university exceeded \$14 million, an 8 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. Thank you for the many ways in which you show us how much you care about UNCW. We are grateful for your commitment to the university, and we need your ongoing support, now more than ever before.

Last fiscal year, the university was required to return \$12.3 million dollars of its state appropriations to Raleigh. This fiscal year, UNCW's total budget reduction exceeds \$10 million. Add to that the financial markets' weak performance, which decreased our total endowment by close to 14.5 percent. As bad as that sounds, it could have been much worse. Endowment losses at universities across the nation ranged from 20 to 30 percent.

Times like these reveal a community's true character, and I'm so very proud to tell you that UNCW is rising to the challenge. These obstacles won't hold us down, because, like our beloved Seahawk, we simply must soar, as the news and features in this issue of *UNCW Magazine* clearly indicate.

UNCW excels through the achievements of our students (p. 4), student-athletes (p. 11); faculty and staff (p. 6-9) and alumni (p. 25-31). Our marine science research programs continue to receive remarkable federal support (p. 9). Innovative outreach efforts by the Cameron School of Business recently resulted in a gift valued at \$1 million from Wilmingtonians David and Diane Swain (p. 20), and the school is developing a new entrepreneurship program (p. 16).

Creating the most powerful learning experience possible drives everything we do at UNCW. As wonderful as our campus is, we strongly encourage students to spend a few weeks away from Wilmington in a study-abroad program. Living and learning in another nation greatly enhances their education and often changes their lives (p. 13).

Thank you again for all you do for UNCW. Your dedication and commitment are invaluable. In supporting our students, you give their ideas wings, their dreams structure and their minds room to grow. I invite you to learn more about the impact scholarships make on their lives in a new video produced by the university, uncwtv.uncw.edu/video-scholarship_2009. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Homecoming, Jan. 29-31, 2010. I look forward to seeing you on campus for all sorts of Seahawk celebrations!

With best wishes,



Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

85 percent participated in community service projects

28 percent in top 10 percent of class

75 percent led a high school organization

93.5
percent
live on
campus

36 states &
22 countries

1,948
students

23 percent
are UNCW
legacies

3.78 average
high school
GPA

86 counties
in North
Carolina



659 different high schools

72 percent played sports in high school

39 percent involved
in performing arts

1168 average SAT, the highest in UNCW history

11 home schooled

most powerful learning experience

by Jesse Bazemore '10

In recent years, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has been included in some of the most respected national rankings of U.S. colleges and universities, and 2009 is no exception. This year, UNCW is again noted by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Princeton Review* and *Forbes* and highlighted for the first time by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* and *GI Jobs*.

"It is always gratifying to be included in such a prestigious group of universities. Our number one strategic goal is to provide our students with the most powerful learning experience possible," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo stated. "These rankings reflect the hard work of our faculty and staff to provide high-quality academics, a vibrant campus life, a safe and sustainable campus environment and a diverse, inclusive campus culture."

UNCW is ranked sixth among public master's institutions in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* for the second year in a row, making this the 12th consecutive year that UNCW is in the top 10. UNCW is 12th among 117 public and private universities in the South that provide a full range of undergraduate and graduate-level programs, up from 14 in 2008.

Additionally, UNCW is on *U.S. News and World Report's* list of 16 "up-and-coming" master's universities in the South for the second straight year. UNCW received this recognition, because it has made the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus and facilities.

For six consecutive years, UNCW has been named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast by the *Princeton Review*. According to Robert Franek, vice president of publishing for *Princeton Review*, "We chose UNC Wilmington and the other terrific schools we recommend as our 'regional best' colleges primarily for their excellent academic programs."

UNC Wilmington is ranked by *Forbes* in its listing of the Top 100 public universities in the nation. This is the second straight year that UNCW has been included on this list.

Edward B. Fiske wrote in the 2010 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* that, at UNCW, "students enjoy extensive undergraduate research opportunities, a slate of solid sciences and a close-knit community of like-minded individuals who like their modern academics mixed with a bit of old-fashioned Southern charm."

UNCW was also named to the 2010 list of Military Friendly Schools by *GI Jobs*. This list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that do the most to embrace military-affiliated students.

If the ocean could talk

While hundreds of UNC Wilmington students participate in annual beach sweeps, one student is exceeding expectations of being “environment-friendly.”

As a liberal studies graduate student and office assistant in the Department of Chemistry, **Bonnie Monteleone** is researching the impact of plastic waste on marine life. Her final graduate project, in her own words, goes “beyond the physical harmful effects of marine life, such as entanglement and ingestion of plastics, and explores the chemical implications of plastics in the food chain.”

The north Pacific gyre, which hosts a garbage patch the size of Texas, serves as a motivation in Monteleone’s search for a solution. She was one of seven investigators who traveled to Bermuda this summer to see if a similar problem exists in the Atlantic gyre. In September, she was part of a team aboard the oceanographic research vessel *Alquita*, which took a 10-year retrospective voyage to study plastic pollution in the Pacific Ocean.

“The problem isn’t about me,” Monteleone said, “but it is about a serious global issue that I am part of at both ends of the spectrum. I helped create the problem and, hopefully, I will be a part of the solution.”

She has been invited to Washington, D.C., to meet with an aide to N.C. Sen. Richard Burr, among others, to discuss potential health hazards associated with plastic marine debris.

Monteleone has surpassed her own expectations and created national awareness at the same time with coverage by National Public Radio, *National Geographic*, Google, the Wyland Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She also has created a video clip, available on YouTube, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MqQfJn1Z7o. Her adventures are posted on her blog at www.theplasticocean.blogspot.com.

Monteleone received the Staff Council Scholarship and the Ralph Brauer Award, a travel scholarship that helped finance her Bermuda research trip.

Kate Heaton '09

She’s beauty and she’s grace

Alexis Gonzalez couldn’t put into words how it felt when her name was announced as ANTSO 2010 National Miss on Aug. 22 in Nashville, Tenn.

“It was a once in a lifetime experience, unique from all others,” explained Alexis, a sophomore at UNCW majoring in criminology who has competed in 13 other pageants and won two state titles.

The annual America’s National Teenager Scholarship Organization (ANTSO) pageant has divisions by age; Alexis competed in the category for contestants ages 19-25. During the six-day competition, she was judged on her academic achievement, school/community involvement, social and conversational skills and poise and personality in an evening gown. She had to answer a “get-to-know-you question” and participate in a personal expression category that required contestants to decorate a pair of jeans to show their individuality and creativity.

Gonzalez truly represented the Seahawks when she fashioned her UNCW-inspired jeans. She created them from T-shirts, backpacks, feathers (to symbolize Sammy the Seahawk) and many other UNCW objects.

“It was neat, because I got to tell the country about UNCW,” she explained.

Pageants have been like stepping stones in Alexis’s life. They created the pathway for her success and her first national title.

“I believe pageants develop a young lady as a whole – confidence, poise, public speaking skills – and provide connections and networking opportunities that can last a lifetime,” she said.

In addition to the scholarship Alexis received to help pay for her tuition, she also gets the opportunity to travel to New York City, as well as the Virgin Islands.

Ashton Young '10

The youngest in her class

Being the only 15-year-old among other college juniors could be intimidating, but it does not faze **Julia Nepper**, the youngest student currently enrolled at UNCW.

Most of Julia’s education was attained through homeschooling. She graduated from high school early while taking college-level courses and enrolled in Cape Fear Community College, earning her associate’s degree by the age of 14. How was she able to attend college as a minor? Her father accompanied her to all of her classes at CFCC, but now that she is 15 at UNCW, she is able to be on her own. “The only rule is that I can’t go in the dorms,” she said.

The young marine biology major hopes to transfer to Dartmouth University next spring where she will pursue her Ph.D. to teach biology or evolution. At this rate, Julia will obtain her doctorate by the age of 21, when most students are receiving their bachelor’s degree.

Julia foresees that she will “someday be a professor, travel around the world and do exciting things.” Once she starts teaching, there is a good possibility that she will be younger than many of her own students.

Ashton Young '10



ALEXIS



BONNIE



JULIA

"One of my former students had such a natural gift, every time she opened her mouth it would be like, 'Oh, this feels so good,'" said **Patricia Ainspac**, Department of Music vocal coach and accompanist. "And it's a different feeling when it's someone you've really had to work with. It's very exciting to see students grow."

Ainspac has taught at UNCW for 11 years. She always has known that accompanying and working just-to-the-side of the spotlight was where she belonged.

"I feel so grateful my life has turned out this way," said Ainspac, who was honored at a benefit alumni recital marking her 80th birthday in October. "One should never give up because it took me 50 years to get the life I always wanted."

It is this kind of passion and dedication to the craft she expects and often brings out in her students.

nurturing a passion for music

by J.J. Knight '11

"Without Pat, there would be no music, no art behind the song," said music education and vocal performance double-major Chelsea Timmons. She went on to say that when a singer and accompanist are working on a song and finally hit the groove "neither is pushing or pulling the other, they are caught up together, intertwined, making the song artistically and musically speak. I can only hope that I will do the same for my future students."

Nancy King, associate professor of voice, elaborated on Ainspac's role as accompanist and teacher.

"In effect, she helps to build the student's musicality, their ability to shape phrases and feel where the music is going," King said. "She ignites their imagination, to help fill the gap between singing the notes and feeling the song. Pat pushes these students all the time, to be the best version of themselves possible, to remain true to the music and to communicate with the audience."

King credits Ainspac with much of the success of the UNCW vocal program and values her as the greatest mentor of her career. King is not alone in these sentiments.

"When you walk into a coaching session with Pat, it feels like your life goes into hyper-speed," said Sophie Amelkin, music education major. "Her passion for music and knowledge of classical [vocal] literature is intimidating and inspiring all at once; her skill as an accompanist inspires me to pursue my piano skills further and to play for singers as beautifully as she. I am unbelievably grateful to have this opportunity to train with the best."

For Ainspac, she has done her job when a student's performance can move an audience to laughter or to tears; but for her and her students, that moment of gratification, when the music, the notes, the pitch, the inflection and the pronunciation meld together, happens before the night of the performance.

"When my students do something great, I get so excited. I tell them 'Oh my God, that was fabulous,'" Ainspac said mimicking a smoky, old Hollywood drawl that accentuated each syllable. And for students, these feelings of fabulousness are mutual.



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faculty and staff

Cathy Barlow is interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. She had served as dean of the Watson School of Education since 2000. Before coming to UNCW, she was dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences at the University of Evansville, Ind., and department chair and then interim dean at Morehead State University, Ky. Barlow received her Ed.D. from the University of Tulsa, M.A. from Ball State University and B.A. from Milligan College.

Mark Boren, professor of English, received the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award.

Janie Canty-Mitchell, professor and associate dean for research and community partnerships in the School of Nursing, was one of 20 individuals nationwide selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. As part of the fellowship, Canty-Mitchell will design and execute a leadership project that addresses youth health issues in southeastern North Carolina.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo received a 2009 Woman of Achievement Award from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina and was named one of the state's exceptional women leaders by *NC Magazine*.

Clyde Edgerton, professor of creative writing, had his 2009 novel *The Bible Salesman* named as one of the "20 Tantalizing Beach Reads" in the July issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

John Fischetti, professor of educational leadership; **Susan Ivancevich**, associate professor of accountancy and business law;

Jeanne Kemppainen, professor of nursing; and **Scott Simmons**, associate professor of anthropology, were honored with Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards.

Yoko Kano, lecturer in foreign languages and literatures, and **Jennifer Myers**, lecturer in psychology, were awarded Lecturer of the Year Awards.

Amy Helen Kirschke, associate professor of art history and African American studies, received a 2009 YWCA Women of Achievement Award. The YWCA recognized Kirschke for originating courses in African American and African art at UNCW.

UNCW Media Production's series "The World at Large" was selected as a Silver Telly Award winner honoring excellence in local, regional and cable television. This is the second Silver Telly award for host **Raymonde Kleinberg**, associate professor of public and international affairs, and **Heidi Messina**, producer/director with UNCW TV.

Len Lecci, professor of psychology, received the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sally MacKain, professor of psychology, was given the Graduate Mentor Award.

James McCann was named the director of the School of Nursing. McCann previously served as dean of the School of Nursing at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wis. He received a Ph.D. from the Catholic School of America and holds a B.S.N. from Villanova and a M.S.N. from Case Western University.

Katherine Montwieler, professor of English, received a Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award.

Tom Puente, professor of psychology, received the Distinguished Faculty Scholarship Award.

Karen Wetherill was named the interim dean of the Watson School of Education. Wetherill, who served as associate dean of outreach, replaces Cathy Barlow, who stepped into the position of UNCW interim provost.

The Five Million Dollar Club recognizes faculty and staff who have secured external funding in excess of \$5 million.

Troy Alphin, professor of biology and marine science, and **Michael Mallin**, research professor at the Center for Marine Science, were inducted in the club for 2008-09.

The James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club award is presented to faculty and staff who received more than \$1 million in external funding. This year's inductees were **Midori Albert**, associate professor of anthropology; **Scott Baker**, Sea Grant Fisheries specialist at the Center for Marine Science; **Rebecca Caldwell**, director of substance abuse and violence prevention; **Steve Demski**, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies; **Eric Patterson**, associate professor of computer science; **Karl Ricanek**, associate professor of computer science; **Pamela Seaton**, professor of chemistry and biochemistry; **Craig Tobias**, assistant professor of geography and geology; and **Amy Wilbur**, associate professor of biology and marine biology.

William Davis '08M

research

TAKING THE LEAD IN PROTECTING THE COAST

UNC Wilmington's Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program (CORMP) has taken the lead in a collaborative effort to protect coastal Carolina populations and resources.

Joining with the Carolinas Coastal Ocean Observing and Prediction System (Caro-COOPS) of South Carolina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the University of South Carolina, UNCW's CORMP will guide the new network: Carolinas Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System (RCOOS).

This summer, RCOOS received \$1.2 million from NOAA to oversee coordination of observing efforts between North and South Carolina. RCOOS partners install and maintain ocean monitoring buoys, pier stations and other observation platforms along the Carolina Coast, from the Outer Banks to just north of Hilton Head Island.

"The information provided by these systems is valuable to the National Weather Service, local emergency managers, lifeguards, mariners, fishermen, surfers and beachgoers," said Lynn Leonard, CORMP director and chair of UNCW's Department of Geography and Geology.

Steve Pfaff, warning coordination meteorologist with the Wilmington National Weather Service agrees. "The deployment of CORMP/RCOOS stations has helped the NWS with coastal waters, surf zone and coastal flooding forecasts as well as the monitoring of hurricanes or nor'easters moving through the area," he said. "In addition, some of the stations are used to verify our marine forecasts, allowing us to identify strengths and weaknesses in our forecast operations."

<http://carolinasrcoos.org>

UNCW/Jamie Montzief

NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL FINDS HOME AT UNCW

Intellect, an academic publishing company based in Bristol, England, will open its first U.S. editorial office at UNCW.

Spearheaded by the Department of Film Studies, this partnership will offer unique opportunities for students and faculty, including the publication of a new undergraduate academic journal, *Film Matters*.

"UNCW will have one of the most dynamic scholarly presses in the arts housed on our campus. What a wonderful way to foster our collective goal of creating a powerful learning experience for our students," said Liza Palmer, UNCW's creative and fine arts librarian and co-editor of *Film Matters*.

As part of the agreement, Randall Library will receive subscriptions to Intellect's 64 journals and copies of all books published by Intellect from 2009 forward.

by Kim Proukou '06M

EXPLORING THE OCEAN DEPTHS

Few people realize corals are animals.

These versatile animals provide marine species with food, habitat and protection. For humans, they support important fishing and tourism industries and evidence an array of pharmaceutical potential.

"The deep water reefs are irreplaceable," said Steve Ross, research associate professor at UNCW, who has been investigating deep-sea topography and ecology since 1999, using advanced underwater technologies.

Now, as part of a five-year plan set by the new Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology, Ross and his team will focus on a 23,000-square-mile area – currently proposed for protection – stretching from North Carolina to Florida. They will explore shelf frontiers, do deep seafloor mapping and investigate vulnerable deep and shallow coral ecosystems.

"What we are finding is that we not only didn't know how much habitat was down there, but that there were a lot of hidden new species that nobody knew about," said Ross.

Ross lead an exploration cruise Aug. 6-17 to the *Lophelia* coral reefs located off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Fla. Here are a few excerpts from the team log:

Day 1 (Aug. 6): "Sandra Brooke and I cruise along the typical bottom of sand riddled with burrows and depressions, then suddenly the bottom goes straight up and the sides of this mound are covered in coral bushes. As we climb the mound the scenery becomes more rugged and diverse." – Steve Ross

Day 6 (Aug. 11): This day, the team log tells a little about the water and the amazing scenery of the Gulf Stream. Understanding the current at the bottom of the Gulf Stream will help Ross' team better understand dispersal and feeding strategies of deep water organisms.

Day 12 (Aug. 17): On the final day, there is more excitement. Researchers find a deepwater goosefish called *Sladenia shaeferi*, only the third one ever caught. Evidence suggests it may not be rare, but rather well hidden.

– The cruise was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration's Deep Sea Coral Science and Technology Program, United States Geological Survey, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Florida Atlantic University and North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

by Justin Davis '10

NEW FACILITY SUPPORTS BIOTECH

The National Institute of Standards and Technology awarded UNCW's Center for Marine Science \$15 million for the construction of a facility that will be home to the Marine Biotechnology in North Carolina (MARBIONC) program.

The state-of-the-art, research-to-product development center will be built on the CMS campus near Myrtle Grove. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2011. Announced in July 2009, the cost-share award represents 50 percent of the estimated \$30 million construction cost.

Research and development areas that the facility will support include:

- ◆ Drug discovery to promote health and wellness
- ◆ Detection technologies for both human-induced pollutants and for marine biotoxins focusing on prevention, forecasting and event response
- ◆ Algae farming to further the development of biofuels and mariculture

"This facility will help us aggressively develop the next generation of biotechnology platforms and technologies, all based on marine resources and all employing the same financial models that serve the larger biotechnology sector," said Daniel Baden, director of CMS and executive principal for MARBIONC.

The 69,000-square-foot MARBIONC facility will house 12 laboratories, three large incubator laboratories for cultured research materials and office and meeting spaces.

This award is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

by Justin Davis '10

TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH HISTORY

Professors from the philosophy and religion and history departments will teach a series of workshops aimed at improving the level of historical literacy among the region's high school graduates.

The program, sponsored by a five-year, \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will educate high school history teachers from Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties about North Carolina history.

Diana Pasulka, associate professor of philosophy and religion and program coordinator, said studies have shown the best way to improve students' understanding of American history is to increase their teachers' knowledge of the subject. The 25 teachers enrolled in the program will receive a stipend for attending four of the six workshops offered by the university.

Pasulka said that she plans to present some of the workshops at the region's historic sites. With sites such as Fort Fisher, the Battleship North Carolina and Moore's Creek National Battlefield, southeastern North Carolina has a wealth of accessible historical heritage the program can incorporate. The workshops will include the history of contact between Native Americans and immigrant groups, colonial history, the writing of the Constitution and the history of biblical literalism, according to Pasulka.

In the future, Pasulka said she would like to see the program expand to other parts of the region.

"There's lots and lots of room for this kind of regional development," she said.

by William Davis '08M

teachingamericanhistorync.org

upcoming events

Athletic Hall of Fame induction

Jan. 30 in the Burney Center. A reception will be held at 11:30 a.m. with the induction ceremony and luncheon slated for noon.

For more information on tickets, please call 910.962.3236.

Dancing with the Wilmington Stars

is slated for Feb. 12, 2010.

Twelve community leaders and celebrities will show off their dancing skills as they raise money to benefit UNCW student-athletes.

For more information, contact UNCW athletics at 910.962.3571.

Fundraiser benefits scholarships

To raise funds for scholarships, the UNCW Athletics Department will give away a new 14-foot Edgewater (model 145 center console) with 50-horsepower four-stroke Yamaha outboard and EZ Loader trailer, courtesy of Atlantic Marine Sales.

The winner will be announced at a drawing during halftime of the Feb. 27 men's basketball game. Tickets are \$25. More information can be obtained at 910.962.7297 or UNCWsports.com.

Behind the scenes with the Seahawks

UNCW Sports Extra, which features a unique behind-the-scenes look at Seahawk athletics, has a new home on The Learning Network.

In conjunction with UNCW Media Productions, the 30-minute show airs each Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. on TLN, Time Warner Cable Channel 5.

UNCW hosts NCAA women's golf championship

Recognizing a track record of excellence and quality that has become synonymous with The Landfall Tradition, the NCAA has awarded the 2010 NCAA Women's Golf Championships to UNC Wilmington and the Country Club of Landfall.

The 29th annual event will be staged May 18-21, 2010, on the Pete Dye Course at the Country Club of Landfall.

The 72-hole competition is expected to draw thousands of fans from across the state, region and country.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

With several returning veterans and an influx of new talent, the UNCW men's and women's basketball teams should provide plenty of thrills for Seahawk fans this year.

Following a season that included crippling injuries and other obstacles, coach Benny Moss and the Seahawks are looking forward to what 2009-10 brings, including a full complement of players to tackle the rigors of NCAA Division I play. The Seahawks approach an ambitious schedule with five seniors, six juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen.

UNCW returns with its top three scorers and a leading assist maker, including senior guard Johnny Wolf and junior stalwarts Dominique Lacy and Chad Tomko, who had surgery in early November to repair a stress fracture in his left foot.

Three transfer students – John Fields, Jeremy Basnight and Trevor Deloach – should compete for playing time with redshirt freshman Will Ohuaregbe. Rising senior Daniel Mercer was the club's most improved player last year, after making the team as a walk-on and contributing down the stretch.

Split evenly between home and away contests, the 10 men's basketball games will be shown on live television. UNCW and MASN reached an agreement two years ago to make the Baltimore-based network the official cable network of the Seahawks. Games also will be aired on ESPNU, ESPN Regional and Comcast SportsNet.

The women's basketball team could be primed for a big season as veteran coach Ann Hancock returns 11 of 12 letter winners from last year's squad, which posted a 16-15 overall record and finished fifth in the CAA with a 9-9 league mark.

Junior forward Brittany Blackwell will be counted on to lead the experienced Seahawks lineup following a sophomore campaign that saw her lead the team and rank among the top 10 in the league in scoring and rebounding. She was named a pre-season All-CAA selection for the second consecutive season.



UNCW/Jamie Montreaf

Also returning to the frontcourt is junior center Martha White. Juniors Treasure Johnson and Kelsy Reitz, sophomore Kristen Hanzer and redshirt freshmen Jessica Cohen and Theresa Jackson-Henderson also will be counted on to provide quality minutes up front.

Senior guard Greta Luksyte is the top returnee in a veteran backcourt, and fifth-year senior Candace Walker is back after a solid junior campaign. At the point, senior Whitney Simmons and junior Sheronda McLean are expected to split time once again at the one-guard position.

Hancock also welcomes a trio of talented newcomers into the fold this season, as in-state product Jessica Freeman joins Buckeye State natives Brittany Gamby and Mya Levels.

For the complete 2009-10 men's and women's basketball schedules as well as television appearances, visit www.uncwsports.com.

Soccer teams CAA champions

Men's

Junior Nassim Berhouni broke a scoreless deadlock with 3:36 remaining in regulation to lift top seeded UNCW past number three Northeastern, 1-0, in the Colonial Athletic Association men's soccer championship Nov. 15 at the UNCW Soccer Stadium.

The win gave the Seahawks (14-2-4) their first ever CAA championship and berth in the NCAA tournament. The Huskies dropped to 10-8-1 on the season after reaching the conference championship for the second time in as many seasons.

The victory for UNCW also extended their unbeaten streak to 13 and tied the school record for wins with 14. The Seahawks also improved to 10-0-2 at the UNCW Soccer Stadium.

Aidan Heaney was named CAA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season and was selected the South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Women's

Sophomore midfielder Erin Pardini converted a penalty kick opportunity in the 80th minute to give third-seeded UNCW a 1-0 victory over fourth-seeded James Madison in the 2009 CAA women's soccer championship game on Nov. 8.

The Seahawks captured their first CAA championship as they improved to 13-7-1 overall with the victory and extended their winning streak to five games. The win also tied the program's single-season record for victories, established during the 2006 campaign.

More importantly, the victory guaranteed UNCW its first appearance in the NCAA tournament as it earned the league's automatic bid into the 64-team field by winning the championship.

"This is a great feeling," said coach Paul Cairney. "The girls played a great team game, and they deserved to win. Give JMU credit, they put us under tremendous pressure in the first half, and we did well to defend and keep them off the scoreboard. We made some adjustments at halftime and were able to generate some offense pressure that led to the game-winning penalty kick."

It was the second consecutive game-winning goal for Pardini, who was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player for her efforts. She and freshman keeper Caitlin Hunter were named to the all-tournament team along with senior Brittany Croce and freshman Lindsay Henry.

Seahawks named to CAA silver anniversary teams

Eleven Seahawks were named to Colonial Athletic Association silver anniversary teams as part of the league's 25th anniversary celebration in 2009-10.

In men's basketball, Brian Rowsom, Brett Blizzard and John Goldsberry – three players synonymous with hoops success at UNCW – were honored.

Seven swimmers and divers also were recognized: Kate Milling and Adrienne Sutton on the women's team and Dean Berman, Adam Brenneman, Burak Erdem, Dan Gallagher and Don Hosier on the men's team.

Midfielder/forward Kelly Renkin represented the women's soccer program on the CAA's squad.

Other teams will be announced as the year progresses: a total of 21 championship sports will be recognized. The teams are selected by a panel of current and former head coaches in the conference.



Students at the Association for Promoting Social Action Dream School, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.



Transforming lives...

one international experience at a time

by Autumn Beam '10

Taking the final steps into the airplane that would fly her nearly 10,000 miles away from home, UNCW junior Stephanie Allen recalled memories of sitting at home and telling her mom with no uncertainty, "I am going to Australia one day."

Allen, a 20-year-old business major, took advantage of one of more than 300 study abroad programs offered by the UNCW Office of International Programs. Despite a nationwide economic downturn, Allen and more than 500 other students participated in long and short-term study abroad programs coordinated through the university last year.

The 526 students who studied abroad and the 268 international students who studied at UNCW this school year helped to fulfill the university's fourth strategic goal: "to create an educational environment that prepares our students to be global citizens." The Office of International Programs is the key facilitator of this goal by sending students abroad, taking in international students, developing cultural events and supporting international initiatives of faculty and staff.

"Studying abroad is the single most transformative experience a student can have," said Denise DiPuccio, assistant provost of international programs. For UNCW students, these transformative experiences can include semester-long programs, working abroad, volunteering abroad and participating in the International MBA program (IMBA) for graduate students in the Cameron School of Business.

Nathan Hington '08 landed his dream job, thanks to his undergraduate experience studying abroad and the suggestion of a dedicated professor. In September, Hington traveled to Spain to teach high school English as part of a program through the Spanish Ministry of Education. Not only is he teaching English and American culture, Hington also will have the opportunity to learn about Spanish culture.

"I feel I am prepared to work abroad. My experiences in Ecuador and Nicaragua were incredible and inspired me to continue my travels abroad. The Office of International Programs and UNCW have done an excellent job preparing me for this job," he said.

John Hall, a graduate student in the IMBA program, chose to attend UNCW specifically for the international study opportunities granted through the program. As a student in the IMBA program, Hall spent one semester at UNCW studying core business classes and another semester in London honing his international business skills.

"Studying abroad has been the best experience of my life. I love the city of London and all of the culture and diversity it offers. My exposure to a different culture and a new way of living has been just as important as the classes I am taking in school," said Hall. After graduation, Hall plans to use the international experience he gained in the program to work in the retail industry with a company abroad.

Faculty are also a large part of creating an international community on campus. “Our mission involves the faculty. They are essential to creating global citizens,” said DiPuccio.

Paige Tan, assistant professor of public and international affairs, took a group of five undergraduates and three graduate students to southern India in May to study development and globalization. Tan joined UNCW in 2003 with a mission to develop international initiatives within the department. In addition to the study abroad class to India, she also has developed the Model UN Club, Model UN class and seven internationally focused classes.

In order to plan the class and make vital connections and relationships, Tan traveled to India in 2008 with help from the Office of International Programs and her department.

“The India group was the first group that I’ve taken overseas, but I love planning trips, always have. During my first trip to southeast Asia, I had a 20-page itinerary typed out that I had developed from reading guidebooks,” said Tan. While in India, the group learned about the country through activities such as visits to a non-governmental organization for the urban poor, speaking with environmental activists at Greenpeace India, spending time at a working girls hostel and participating in a discussion about gender at a university.

Studying abroad allows students to “see a different culture; learn about other countries’ politics, economics, society, history, art and architecture; develop critical thinking skills; learn to operate outside their comfort zone and problem-solve; and challenge themselves with new and difficult experiences,” said Tan.

Aside from gaining these lasting skills, Tan said she hopes the trip will be a fond memory of the students forever and that their experience abroad will embolden them to go to new places and do new things.

Do you want to get involved with the international community at UNCW? The Office of International Programs suggests:

- ⊗ Participating in the 17th Annual Intercultural Week Feb. 15-20, 2010
- ⊗ Becoming a conversation partner for an ESL student
- ⊗ Hosting an international student
- ⊗ Contributing to an education abroad scholarship

Contact Denise DiPuccio at dipucciod@uncw.edu for more information



Young ladies from the Nirmal Jyothi Technical Training Institute, Bangalore, India



Monkey at Nagarhole Park, Karnatak



Photos by Autumn Beam

Devaraj market,
Mysore, India

This past May, I packed up my bags, slung my camera over my shoulder and headed to southern India with Paige Tan and seven other students.

After studying all semester in a class on development and globalization in the country, I thought I would be prepared. Once we arrived, I realized that no amount of preparation would have readied me for the overwhelming assault on all five of my senses. I had stepped into a world of poverty with children begging on the streets, a world without running water and electricity for 70 percent of its people, and a world lacking the means to support an exploding population. But at the same time, I was stepping into a world that I knew would change me forever. My trip to India wasn't just about sightseeing, although I did plenty; it was about experiencing a new culture and learning just how big our world really is.

Autumn Beam '10



Emily Ball, Autumn Beam and Holly Howell with a guide outside Nagarhole Park, Karnataka, India.





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CSB bridges the entrepreneurship gap

All entrepreneurs must be slightly crazy. Armed with little more than a passion for innovation and a limited cash flow, these trailblazing adrenaline junkies dive into the unknowns of business-building with both feet – an illogic that has kept our economy moving for hundreds of years and may be the savior of our financial future.

by Joy Davis '07

Entrepreneurship doesn't just pay off for business owners. It pays off for all of us – with new jobs, new technology and economic growth. Every big business – even local giants like PPD – began as a “start-up” company. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses generate 60 to 80 percent of new jobs annually.

For this reason, UNC Wilmington is in the business of making entrepreneurship work. With a new academic major, the new Entrepreneurship Center and other initiatives that support entrepreneurship, UNCW is paving the way for successful business owners in Southeastern North Carolina and beyond.

Giving young visionaries building blocks

When **Kristen Beckmeyer '01** enrolled at UNCW in 1997, there was no entrepreneurship major at UNCW. Now the successful co-owner of Wilmington's Coastal Cupcakes, Beckmeyer said she took every course she could find related to business development, but she is "envious of the students who are in the CSB (Cameron School of Business) now. We were given many opportunities when I was at UNCW, but their options are endless with the new major."

When the Entrepreneurship and Business Development (EBD) major was established in 2006, it was the much-anticipated icing on the cake – an added layer to CSB that Steve Harper, Progress Energy/Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, said came at the perfect time because "the world is changing."

"Most of our students' grandparents spent their careers with one company. There was security in committing to one job until retirement. But now our students recognize they will have more than one career in their lives, and if they want to work for a company that they love, they may have to build it themselves."

Eager to drive their own destinies (and to write their own paychecks), students have made EBD one of the fastest-growing majors on campus.

Students mingle with seasoned and emerging business owners via events of the Entrepreneurship Club, the annual CSB Business Week, and the Entrepreneurs' Roundtable networking group and "real world" experiences like job shadowing and internships.

Each is required to prepare a comprehensive business plan for a potential business company or venture. While the plan is meant to be based on a theoretical company, some students turn their classroom ideas into reality.

Student body vice president **Charlie Soden** decided to try his hand at entrepreneurship two summers before he began his plan by learning the business of deck and fence restoration. He bought the tools, hired

the help and was soon making a profit with his company Apex Deck Savers.

"After I developed my plan, the quality of my customers went up. We were booked for weeks over the summer."

"This program teaches you a mindset more than a skill set – to keep your eyes open for opportunities, to foster, sow and reap. It sounds strange, but I now feel excited about the challenges I will face. They make me want to work that much harder," he said.

Paving the way for local entrepreneurs

One of the greatest obstacles for entrepreneurs like Soden is the Catch-22 of the current recession: experts note that the world needs start-up companies to resuscitate the failing economy, but it can be nearly impossible for an entrepreneur to establish a credit line and add customers during an economic slump.

Business innovators need support in order to survive. What better place to gain that support than in the nurturing environment of UNCW?

Launched in spring 2009, the Entrepreneurship Center invites local high-growth entrepreneurs to network, collaborate and expand their horizons in partnership with UNCW. Entrepreneurs aiming to expand their businesses can become members of the center, gaining access to educational opportunities, mentor relationships, the support of a family of entrepreneurs and more.

Center director Jonathan Rowe said, "Our coastal setting is appealing to business owners. We have new entrepreneurs moving here constantly. But in the past, our business community has been fragmented and that has restricted growth potential. We want UNCW to be the driving force that links the pieces together."

The center is already changing lives.

Schedulefly owner **Wes Aiken '98** e-mailed restaurant guru **Becky O'Daniell '86** for more than a year about his online employee scheduling software without a reply.

"I was just another salesman filling up her inbox," said Aiken.

It was not until Aiken and O'Daniell met face-to-face at a center networking event that she realized the potential of his product.

"Meeting with someone in-person gives you a definite advantage. Becky became fired up about Schedulefly once I got to explain it to her," he said.

Aiken said that since meeting O'Daniell, she has become an unofficial ambassador for his business. In the past year, the company's sales have grown by 500 percent. Elijah's, Macaroni Grille and Planet Hollywood are a sampling of the numerous Schedulefly clients.

"Thanks to the center, we now have a reputation speaking for us and giving us advice on how to grow. When someone like Becky talks about your business, people listen," said Aiken.

Keeping the wheels of business in motion

By actively aiding the entrepreneurship community, the center supports the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's Cape Fear Future initiative, which focuses on keeping up with globalization and remaining competitive with other cities vying for workers in high-growth industries such as biotechnology.

Building the area's base of strong entrepreneurs not only helps ensure the growth of Southeastern N.C., it also opens the doors for powerful student learning experiences via mentorships and other avenues. While the future of the global economy still remains a mystery, one thing is certain – UNCW will never stop working to keep the wheels of business in motion.

To learn more about Entrepreneurship Center membership, visit <http://uncwec.org>.



Heating things up with the UNCW Cameron School of Business (CSB)

Kristen Beckmeyer '01 and **Meredith Sullivan '01** shared a passion for enterprise during their time in CSB. They often talked about their dream of owning a business together, but they went their separate ways after college to pursue careers in the sports industry. While living in Washington, D.C., Sullivan noticed several profit-making cupcake shops and told Beckmeyer, "This is our chance." Within four months, Sullivan moved, the duo learned how to bake, found a storefront in downtown Wilmington and began serving up Coastal Cupcakes.

Blending internships into the mix

Both of the "cupcake girls" tapped into the experience and networking opportunities of internships while at UNCW – Beckmeyer with Wilmington Hammerheads Soccer, Sullivan with UNCW athletics. Beckmeyer said these internships "proved to be invaluable. Word of mouth from our internship contacts helped keep our business afloat the first month."

Adding a dash of CSB mentorships

Having their own business opened the door for Beckmeyer and Sullivan to give back to UNCW in a new way – through mentorship. The duo returned to their alma mater to share advice to the Entrepreneurship Club and other groups. "It feels so good to come back here and help UNCW," said Sullivan.

Cooking up growth with the UNCW Entrepreneurship Center

While at a UNCW event, the cupcake girls met Jonathan Rowe, who thought they would be a perfect fit for the proposed center. Beckmeyer said they jumped at the opportunity to join because "one of the best ways to grow as an entrepreneur is to learn from others. We don't have the chance to bump into these business vets in our daily lives of taking out the trash and staying up all hours trying to make payroll, but the Entrepreneurship Center is changing that."

Savoring the guidance of veteran businessman Bob Rippy

When Beckmeyer and Sullivan began to explore the possibility of expanding Coastal Cupcakes, they knew they needed assistance. At a center event, the duo mingled with veteran business owners, including Jungle Rapids president Robert Rippy. He encouraged them to open a second location at Wrightsville Beach and do more with less. Sullivan said, "We thought we needed to take out some big loans, but he challenged us to do it for a lot less and we saved thousands of dollars. Now sales in both locations are great!"

Topping off the cupcake with UNCW student employees

With the added support of the center and mentors like Rippy, Coastal Cupcakes has been able to hire five UNCW students and an intern from CSB. Beckmeyer said, "It feels amazing to inspire other UNCW students and provide jobs in this place we love so much." Sullivan agreed, "We have come full circle, and I can't wait to see where this crazy dream will take us next."

www.coastalcupcakes.com

Hearts of teal

With 35 years of experience in commercial real estate development and management, **H. David Swain** has a keen head for business, but his heart inspired him and wife Diane to help UNCW during the toughest economic downturn in decades by making a gift valued at \$1 million.

"There are other colleges and universities, but my heart and soul are right here," Swain said. "We feel like education is the key to everyone's opportunities in life, and UNCW is the heart of the education program in eastern North Carolina."

The Swains planned to make an anonymous gift to support Cameron School of Business (CSB) and its economic research and business development outreach services, but Dean Larry Clark persuaded them to reconsider.

"I asked David and Diane to let me leverage their name," he said. "David's handshake and personal word are among the best guarantees one can receive in business. A Swain deal is a done deal – with class."

In appreciation for the couple's support, the university has named the H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services in their honor.

Their confidence in the benefits of education comes from David's grandmother and mother, both excellent students who attended college during an era when few women pursued higher education. His mother, a guidance counselor at the high school David and Diane attended, inspired both of them to attend college. David graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and Diane from Meredith College.

The Swains discovered UNCW when their children, Jason and Meredith, attended programs on campus while in high school. Although they graduated from other universities, both have returned to UNCW for specific courses to further their careers.

As community leaders, David and Diane liked what they saw at UNCW. They became involved as volunteers and donors, supporting a scholarship fund to benefit the children of New Hanover County employees. David served on several boards, including as chair of the Board of Visitors and member of the Cameron School of Business Executive Advisory Board.



David, founder of Swain & Associates, a real estate services firm based in Wilmington, especially appreciated the Cameron School's commitment to involving experienced business executives as program advisors and student mentors.

"One of the CSB's greatest successes has been its ability to attract our community's active and retired business executives to get involved in all facets of the school's operation. The CSB utilizes the insight and experience of successful leaders to afford students 'hands-on' learning opportunities that, in turn, strengthen the school's curriculum," Swain said.

GIVING TO UNCW = A SOUND INVESTMENT

The Swains' gift reflects their personal commitment to UNCW and its mission. Those reasons inspired donors across the United States to give more than \$300 billion to charities in 2008, despite the national recession, according to Giving USA (2009).

Although giving decreased by 2 percent nationally compared to the previous year, Americans remained generous. Charitable contributions accounted for more than 2 percent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2008, Giving USA reported.

UNCW donors contributed \$7 million to the university during fiscal year 2008-09 despite the economy, and their total gift commitments, including pledges and planned gifts, exceeded \$14 million, an 8 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

The Swains' gift to UNCW is an investment in their community and its future.

"There's no doubt that as a businessman, I'm looking to get the biggest bang for my bucks," Swain said. "I'm getting it right here at UNCW."

From partnerships with students and faculty, to forecasting the economy, hosting the North Carolina Entrepreneurship Summit in 2010, and providing training for the region's workforce, the H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services places extraordinary emphasis on reaching out into the private and business community to meet the needs of North Carolina, according to Director William "Bill" Sackley.

"The H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services has nearly a 30-year history on the UNCW campus. For many of those years, its focus was to provide research services centered on the collection and analysis of regional economic data," Sackley said. "More recently, we've embraced our mission as the outreach leader of the Cameron School of Business, leveraging the efforts of our students and faculty to foster economic development within a wide constituency."


INSPIRING MORE SUPPORT FOR UNCW

The Swains hope their gift serves as a catalyst for more donors to invest in the university.

"UNCW has the platform to mold the brightest minds of our next generation, but can only do so with the financial support of those who believe in its promise," Swain said. "Diane and I are great believers in the university and hope our gift will inspire other business people to support UNCW financially."

Their support, especially during an economic downturn, is invaluable, according to Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

"In a time of shrinking state budgets, philanthropic gifts such as theirs empower the university to continue providing students with the most powerful learning experience possible," she said. "They are wonderful role models and friends who have made our campus and community much better places to live, work and learn."

by Andrea Weaver 

Dedicated to endowing UNCW's future

by Andrea Weaver

When W. Carter Mebane III joined the UNCW Endowment Board, the university had less than \$5 million to invest in its future. Now, 30 years later, UNCW's endowment is valued at \$48.9 million despite the global economic downturn.

"We've come out pretty well," he said. "I think that's one of the reasons I feel comfortable stepping down in these aggravating times. The stock markets are going to go sideways for a few years, and I think UNCW may need people younger than me who are more creative and may be able to figure out the best ways to respond."

A creative approach to managing money marked Mebane's service on the Endowment Board. When Mebane, a stockbroker, joined the board, UNCW managed many individual accounts, limiting investment options. By consolidating the funds into a larger fund, the board and university leaders increased returns.

"We thought if we could get returns up, people would be more interested in giving money," he said.

Mebane, father of William C. "Billy" Mebane '05, is proud of two other board achievements. First, the university's endowment performance frequently has earned high rankings from a national association for collegiate business officers. Second, after careful research, the board voted to invest significant assets with UNC Management Company Inc., an organization that manages endowments for UNC Chapel Hill and other schools in the university system. The company's returns consistently outperform national standards.

"Carter has been an important member of the Endowment Board," said Mary M. Gornto, vice chancellor for university advancement. "His commitment, dedication and vision have positioned UNCW to keep soaring far into the future."

Mebane credited his board colleagues, especially the investment committee, as well as the chancellors, vice chancellors and staff he worked with over the years. As the son of a founder of Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, he served on the board for decades because "the university has meant so much to this community."



- 1 Bob Potts '54 shows off his cheerleading team photo to Kim Gargiulo, assistant director of reunion programming, as they look through old *Fledgling* yearbooks.
- 2 UNC Wilmington Alumni Association hosted a Golden Wing Society reunion during Family and Alumni Weekend in October. Wilmington College graduates from 1947-59 enjoyed a brunch and visit with fellow alums before a guided trolley tour of the UNCW campus.
- 3 During the Wise Alumni House Centennial Celebration, Mayor Bill Saffo '83 proclaimed Nov. 7 Wise Alumni House Day for the city of Wilmington, and a plaque designating the house as a Wilmington landmark was unveiled.
- 4 Dianne Wiley and Nicole Carruth pose with Sammy C. Hawk during the family weekend picnic at UNC Wilmington on the campus commons.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief and Jason Barnette

Additional photos of alumni events can be viewed at
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A Model A Ford sits in the carport of the Wise Alumni House's as guests gathered to celebrate the building's centennial anniversary.

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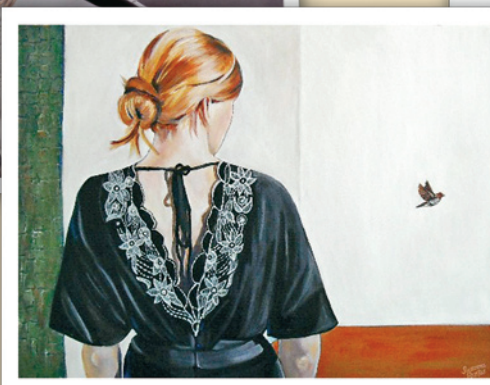
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1950s

Robert (Bob) R. Dobo Sr. '50 passed away July 14, 2009. One of the UNCW science buildings on campus, Dobo Hall, is named after him and his brother **Gabriel W. Dobo '51**.

Estell Carter Harrelson '55 was honored on Oct. 23, 2008, at a reception at UNCW's Kenan House for the Wilmington Society, which recognizes individuals, corporations or foundations with cumulative giving records of \$100,000 or more, demonstrating exceptional service to the well-being of the university.

Harry M. Hallman Jr. '56 resigned as mayor of Mount Pleasant, N.C., on May 13, 2009.

1960s

Anne McCrary Sullivan '68 wrote a book of poems titled, *Ecology II: Throat Song from the Everglades*. Anne is a master naturalist who has been poet-in-residence in Everglades National Park and in Big Cypress National Preserve. She is also professor of interdisciplinary studies in the Department of Integrated Studies in Teaching, Technology and Inquiry at National-Louis University, Tampa, Fla.

Mary Gaddy '69 retired from teaching after 41 years at Sunset Park Elementary School.

Gretta Scott Holt '69 published her first children's book *The Reindeer Who Was Afraid to Fly* in December 2008. She is currently working on another children's book and novel.

1970s

John F. Phillips '70 and his wife, Connie, were honored at an event for the Wilmington Society, which recognizes individuals, corporations or foundations with cumulative giving records of \$100,000 or more, demonstrating exceptional service to the well-being of the university.

Drusilla Farrar '73 retired Sept. 30 from New Hanover County Schools where she taught elementary general music for 35 years. She has been a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1988. She plans to travel and spend more time with her family which includes a second granddaughter expected in January.

Norm Melton '74 received the Lifetime Achievement in Marketing Education Award from the North Carolina Marketing Educators' Association in December 2008. Norm retired after 29 years as marketing teacher and DECA advisor at North Brunswick High School.

Pamela Haddock '76 had an exhibit at Swain County Center for the Arts in Bryson City during August and September 2009, which displayed 30 of the artist's watercolor landscape scenes of western North Carolina.

Carol Moore '77 is a clinical assistant professor for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Carol earned her medical degree at ECU and is a reservist in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps.

Diane Hause '78 is a self-employed artist. Her Web site is www.haustudio.com.

Carson D. Hilburn '78 is the senior wastewater operator for Perdue Farms in Parksley, Va., and received the South Carolina Grade B biological wastewater operations license.

Patricio Morillo '78 is the vice president of Pacific Coast Bankers' Bancshares, which recently expanded to the East Coast.

Wanda Moore Cecil '79 and her husband Richard celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2009.

Terri K. Hathaway '79, a North Carolina Sea Grant's marine education specialist, received the 2009 Volunteer of the Year award from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

Keith E. Hedrick '79 is a senior internal auditor with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. He resides in Williamstown, N.J.

Greta A. Lint '79 was awarded first place from the N.C. Press Club and third place from the National Federation of Press Women for a media kit and media preview she wrote and produced in 2008 for the Statesville Crossroads Pumpkin Fest. She was recognized as a 2009 Mover and Shaker by *Business Leader* magazine. (photo)

1980s

David D. Moore '80 is the curator of Nautical Archaeology at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. David was the principal investigator on the *Henrietta Marie* project (the first slave shipwreck to be seriously studied in North America) and is directing and recording efforts of the *Queen Anne's Revenge* (believed to be Blackbeard's flagship).

Pamela Whitlock '80, '87M was awarded the 2009 National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes members of NCURA for sustained and distinctive contributions to the organization.

James C. Burke '82, '01M earned a Ph.D. in geography as well as a certificate in historic preservation in December 2008 from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Becky Simmons Henry '83 passed away May 3, 2009.

Col. Darrell Thacker Jr. '83 relinquished command of the Marine Corps Air Station New River in July 2009. He is now a trainer with the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va.

Robert P. Divoky '84 opened his own transportation brokerage firm, HBC Inc. The company arranges the coast-to-coast transport of produce to wholesale markets in the Northeast.

Dan Dunlop '84 is president of Jennings, a branding and advertising agency in Chapel Hill, and was named marketing impact leader by *Business Leader* magazine.

Helen Matthews Parrish '84 and her husband Jeffrey announce the birth of their grandson, Nicholas Parrish, on Oct. 16, 2008.

Lee Philips '84 is the captain of *The Peace Maker*, a 150-foot sailboat that docked on the Wilmington riverfront in March 2009.

Richelle Dombroski '84 was a 2009 YWCA Women of Achievement recipient at the 25th Annual Women of Achievement Awards on May 22.

Col. Harry E. McClaren '85 is vice president of aerial operations for Erickson Air-Crane, a global company operating a fleet of S-64 E/F helicopters involved in aerial firefighting, heavy lift construction and heli-logging.

Jeff Howe '85M had his book, *Buzz Bradley and the Invisible Fort*, published by Llumina Press in October 2008 and is working on the second book in the series, *Buzz Bradley and the Green River Ooze*. He resides in Vero Beach, Fla., with his wife Sandy and two daughters, Laura and Carly.

Thomas M. Ely '86 received a Master of Health Administration degree from Pfeiffer University in May 2009. He is a strategic services associate with Duke University Health System.

James C. Dean '87, '91 was appointed Wilmington Central Rotary president elect for 2009. He was chairman of the New Hanover County Republican Party for 2006-09.

Brian Rowsom '87, former UNCW basketball standout, was inducted into the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame. Brian coaches a professional league basketball team in Qatar.

Terry Schappert '88 takes History Channel viewers on an action-packed journey as he experiences the training, rituals and weapons of history's most notable warrior cultures in the 10-part series, *Warriors*, which premiered in March 2009. A Green Beret, Schappert served in the military for 17 years, most recently in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

John M. Pate '89M died unexpectedly on July 7, 2009.

Laura Wright '89 received her Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Steve Vernon '89 portrayed William Shakespeare's knight in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in June 2009 at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater in Wilmington.

1990s

Rachel Crawford '90 and husband Huaira are raising money for their nonprofit Amarun Organization that works to provide educational opportunities for young people in the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. Rachel wishes to establish a summer camp for Ecuadorian Amazon kids, teaching them to appreciate their environment.

Paul D. Knott '90 is a managing partner with Old North State Wealth Management, a wealth and tax advisory firm in Wilmington.

Melody R. Townsend '90 is a nursing student at Polk State College. She is the president of Townsend & Company PA and resides in Plant City, Fla.

Swimmer **Brian Barndt '91** collected three silver medals and one bronze at the 2009 World Transplant Games in Brisbane, Australia. Brian, who survived a heart transplant four years ago, was one of 80 athletes representing the United States.

Charles C. Highsmith Jr. '91M was named chief executive officer for Bladen County Hospital, after serving as chief executive at St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus, N.C., for 16 years.

Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92 is the registrar at Wilmington Christian Academy and will be coordinating events for the school's 40th anniversary in 2009-10. She is a former chairman of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and currently serves as vice president on the Seahawk Club Board of Directors.

Ken Lemon '92 is the Gaston Bureau reporter/photographer with the Channel 9 Eyewitness News team.

William "Bill" McLean '92 is the assistant women's rowing team coach at Southern Methodist University and is pursuing a master's degree in higher education.

David Johnson '93 was promoted to branch director for the KRAFT Family YMCA in Holly Springs.

Mike Arnold '93, '99M is the deputy policy director for N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue. He lives with his wife, **Kimberly Wood Arnold '95**, and two children, Austin and Cameron, in Wake Forest.

Benjamin R. Nigro '93 graduated from Niagara University with a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies in May 2009.

Angela Bragaw '94 and Jonathon Hamer were married Sept. 27, 2008. Angela is the assistant principal at L.C. Bird High School in the Chesterfield County (Va.) Public School System.

James W. McGee '94 joined 1800DWILaws.com, a national association of drunk driving defense attorneys. McGee Law Firm defends clients in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. He is certified in standardized field sobriety testing and successfully completed the master's of scientific evidence course.

Robin Tisinger Pollock '94 is enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at NC State University.

Sandra Pollock Salinero '94 earned a master's degree in information management and technology from Capella University in 2004 and is working on her Ph.D. Sandra expects to retire from the Army in October 2010.

Emy Calderone '95 is the director of student services for Lexington City Schools and is leading the initiative to make reading the number one institutional priority.

Roger Clodfelter '95 was promoted to assistant vice president at High Point University.

Anne Minard '95 was one of the five journalists selected as 2009-10 Ted Scripps Fellows in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado Boulder. The nine-month program offers mid-career journalists an opportunity to deepen their understanding of environmental issues and policy through coursework, seminars and field trips in the region.

Damien L. Tucker '95 and his wife Chandra announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Isaiah, on March 26, 2009.

Stephanie D. Banton '96 and her husband Richard announce the birth of their daughter, Jamison Grace, on Jan. 1, 2008. Jamison joins sister Maya, 3.

Allison Morris Dacus '96 and her husband Charles announce the birth of their second son, Mason, on July 18, 2009, the couple's sixth wedding anniversary.

Sarah Britton Ruiz '96, '98M is the 2009-10 Parent Teacher Association president at Supply Elementary School.

Terry Sullivan '96 is campaign manager for the 2010 Kay Bailey Hutchison governor's campaign in Texas. Terry is the managing partner for First Tuesday Strategies, a political consulting firm, and On The Mark, a direct mail firm. Terry is also co-founder of UnderThePowerLines, a political Web firm.

William B. Cooley Jr. '97 is vice president and special assets manager for New Century Bank in Dunn.

Rusty Kling '97 is a wealth manager and marketing director with Old North State Wealth Management.

Jan Mann '97 is the women's golf coach at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Holly E. Minges '97 and Andrew Nicholson were married May 16, 2009. (photo)

Leslie Ashburn-Nardo '97M presented the 2009 Sydney Berger Lecture, "Speaking Out about Prejudice," in March 2009 at the University of Southern Indiana.

Cherilyn Arnott '97 and James Parlamen were married March 21, 2009. Cherilyn is an associate commissioner with the Social Security Administration.

Brad Sullivan '97 and Ramona Johnson were married Nov. 1, 2008.

Wes Aiken '98, the owner of Schedulefly, was the emerging company winner in the 2009 Coastal Entrepreneur Awards. He was featured in the May 1-14, 2009, edition of the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*. Wes designed the online employee-scheduling application called Schedulefly to improve operational efficiency by reducing time and effort spent on managing work schedules.

Davey Beauchamp '98 is a young adult librarian with the Lexington Library, making a name for himself as a nationally known science fiction writer. He spearheaded Writers for Relief, which produced a 212-page science fiction anthology with proceeds benefiting Hurricane Katrina victims. He has also published *Agency 32: The Chelton Affair* and was commissioned to write a rock opera based on the fairy tale of Bluebeard. He is working on *The Amazing Pulp Adventures, Starring Mister Adventure*.

Kristin Feccia Behm '98 and her husband Christopher announce the birth of their daughter, Emery Amelia, on Jan. 14, 2009.

Catherine Tillman '98 and André John Brown were married Aug. 8, 2009. They reside in Raleigh, where Catherine (Kate) is a commercial developer with Commercial Properties Inc.

Karyn Freer Crouthamel '98 and her husband Matthew announce the birth of their second child, Lovina, on Jan. 15, 2009.

Lauren L. Decker '98 was appointed senior director of marketing for the U.S. Professional Beach Volleyball League in December 2008.

Kimberly G. Gibson '98 and **Jason B. Brock '02** were married Aug. 2, 2008.

Scott Mickle '98 is the director of business development for LandDesign, an urban planning, civil engineering, landscape architecture and branding company.

Jackson L. Norvell '98 is the assistant principal at Cape Fear Middle School in Pender County. His wife, **Christina Peck Norvell '99** is the owner of the Sterling House in Wilmington.

Megan Parpart '98 and Durward B. Williams were married Sept. 27, 2008. They reside in Chapel Hill with their daughter, Logan Virginia, who was born Oct. 29, 2009. (photo)

Bob Wheatley '98 is a financial advisor with MassMutual Financial Group/Capital Financial Partners.

Amanda Hodges Bunce '99 and her husband Daniel announce the birth of their son, Christian Andrew, on July 7, 2008.

Elizabeth Harkcom '99 received her National Board Certification for teaching in November 2008.

Anna Prizzia '99 is the director of the University of Florida Office of Sustainability.

2000s

Jennifer Check '00 completed her pediatric residency at UNC Chapel Hill and is now a neonatal-perinatal fellow at Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill.

Alannah M. Franklin '00 passed away on Dec. 23, 2006.

Laurie B. Hayes '00 and **Jennifer L. Pena '05** are co-authors of *Wilkes County: A Brief History*, published by the History Press, Charleston 2008. Both work at Wilkes Community College.

Sean Lowery '00 received the President's Club Award 2008 for Jazz Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Jeff Omps '00 attained his pilot's license in 2008 and flies out of Livermore Airport in California. He is employed by Harland Financial Solutions and works in software. (photo)

Jason M. Tyson '00, '02 received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wake Forest University on May 18, 2009.

Phyllis Westerman '00 is vice president of business operations with Grubb & Ellis|Thomas Linderman Graham, a provider of integrated real estate services in the Triangle area.

Richard White '00 is the assistant director of the TV series *Desperate Housewives*.

Melissa B. Andrus '01 and **Michael C. Kennedy '00** were married May 2, 2009. (photo)

A story by **Anne Barnhill '01M**, was selected by editor and publisher Shannon Ravenel as the first runner-up for the 2009 Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize from the N.C. Writers Network.

Delaine Fowler '01 is the owner of Fowler Physical Therapy in Salisbury, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury and a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. She was elected to the Spencer Board of Aldermen in November.

Jennifer Brynn Hulbert '01 graduated in 2009 from UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Rebecca Hersey Keenan '01 and her husband Michael announce the birth of a son, Liam, on Feb. 24, 2009. Rebecca is an underwriter with N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

Adam Murray '01 received the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UNCW Watson School of Education.

Laura M. Southerland '01 won an Emmy Award for outstanding technical team remote with ESPN NASCAR's coverage by the National Academy of Televisions Arts & Sciences. She is the senior operations coordinator with ESPN Productions Inc. in Bristol, Conn.

Jenna Stallman '01 is the Angleton Christian School administrator in Angleton, Texas.

Jeffrey B. Whiting '01M is a professor of naval science and commanding officer for NROTC unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Robert T. Wratten '01 and his wife Cameron announce the birth of their son, Owen Thomas, on May 24, 2008. Robert is employed by Pacific Life as a senior associate director for commercial real estate investment in the Midwest, Southeast and East Coast regions.

Kristin Garner '02 and Scott Callison were married June 14, 2009.

Joseph W. '02 and **Mary Wilkinson Casper '00** announce the birth of their son, Joseph Wilkes, on March 7, 2009. Mary is a commercial portfolio manager with SunTrust Bank.

Erin R. DeLeo '02 and Chad E. Hogston were married March 20, 2009.

Daniel Faill '02 and his wife Brook announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Louise, on Aug. 24, 2009. Daniel and Riley are pictured with grandmother **Kim Leiner Sees '89**. The rocking chair on which they are sitting was built by Riley's great-grandfather **Lou Leiner '02**. (photo)

Valeria Feezor '02 is the assistant principal at North Davidson High School. She earned a Master of Education degree from UNC Greensboro and is pursuing a master's degree in school administration at Gardner-Webb University.

Robert S. Futch '02 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies at UNCW. He is the director of Freshman Academy and assistant athletic director at Wallace-Ross Hill High School. He was selected as a 21st Century Technology teacher in Duplin County for 2009-10.

Stephanie Brooks Hawver '02 and her husband Jason announce the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Dawn, on Feb. 12, 2009.

Kendall L. Lawn '02 is a communication specialist for Wachovia's Corporate Communications Department in Charlotte. Kendall is a member of Young Affiliates of the Mint Museum, the Charlotte Coalition of Social Justice and Habitat Young Professionals of Charlotte.

Kimberly Majeski '02 and Jason Wehmeyer were married Nov. 8, 2008. They reside in Lake Ridge, Va. Kim is a business development manager with MicroStrategy, a computer software company.

Shaun Olsen '02 was featured in the May 1-14, 2009, edition of the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal* for his company Opterex that was the technology winner of the Coastal Entrepreneur Awards.

Susan Pantas '02 was awarded the Wilmington Arts Association scholarship and debuted her paintings at ArtSource Fine Art in Raleigh. (photo)

Brandy Ward '02 received a master's degree in medical laboratory science from Quinnipiac University. She researches and develops monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of infectious diseases.

Rachel L. Urban '02 is the regional community coordinator for the American Cancer Society in Wilmington.

Mat Allred '03 is the coordinator of recreation services for High Point University.

Benjamin J. Andrews '04, '05M and Kimberly M. Russ were married May 16, 2009.

Lewis A. Armstrong '03 and Cynthia S. Croft were married April 25, 2009.

Paul Carbonell '03 is professor of speech and theatre arts at Polk State College, where he is establishing a new theatre club that combines talent of music and theatre students. He has directed plays for six years and has more than 20 years experience as a stage, television and film actor.

Timothy J. Hellman '03 and Natalie K. Boetger were married July 5, 2008.

Tiffany Lindemann '03 earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Wingate University.

Natasha Malinsky '03 created her own shopping tour company, ShopNYC Tours, in New York City after working at Screen Gems Studios giving tours of *Dawson's Creek*. She is active in the Wilmington theatre community, was on Drew Barymore's series *Tough Love* and performs regularly on stage in New York.

Lisa D. Oliver '03 and Joseph E. Taylor were married May 2, 2009.

ALUMNOTES

Dan Owen '03 received the Pacesetter 40 award at Northwestern Mutual's annual meeting of financial representatives. The award honors financial representatives who demonstrate extraordinary success by selling a minimum of 40 life policies during their first six months of business. (photo)

Margaret Torre Plummer '03 died unexpectedly June 25, 2009, from a rock climbing incident in Las Vegas. Margaret was known for being a non-conventional and adventurous world traveler who enjoyed spending time with her 2-year-old son.

Sean Rae '03 died unexpectedly in a diving incident in La Jolla, Calif. He was attending graduate school at San Diego State University.

Daniel Richardson '03 was named the Brunswick County's Teacher of the Year in April 2009.

Lyndsay E. Rowland '03 is an associate with Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Leslie Shevlin '03 is the head coach of the Willamette University Bearcat men's and women's swimming teams in Willamette, Ore.

Benjamin J. Andrews '04, '05M and Kimberly M. Russ were married May 16, 2009.

Rachel Austin '04 and James J. Dargan were married April 19, 2009.

Leah Brubak Benolken '04 and her husband Joel announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Hope, on July 8, 2008.

Rebecka Brasso '04 is pursuing a Ph.D. in marine biology.

Lauren Wesbroke Davis '04, '09M earned an M.B.A. from Meredith College.

Ryan M. Hohman '04 is the director of communications and policy for Friends of Cancer Research. Ryan received a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

Amanda Partida James '04 and her husband Tony announce the birth of twins, Coral Grace and Kennedy Gray, on July 19, 2009.

Courtney L. O'Dell '04 and Richard J. Keskinen were married April 25, 2009.

Kristen Mueller '04 and John Orr were married June 13, 2009.

Candace Reel '04 is the 2009-10 Cabarrus County Schools Teacher of the Year and received \$1,000 from SunTrust and a new laptop from the school system. Candace is an exceptional children teacher at Cox Mill Elementary school and will advance to the regional competition to compete for North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Sara M. Cowling '04 and Clint Shoemaker were married May 9, 2009. Sara is a licensed clinical social worker at the Beaufort County Medical Center.

Chapin L. Swarthout '04 and Nicholas Brinegar were married March 28, 2009 and reside in Wilmington.

James Bengala '05 was promoted to director of sales and operations with RockyMountainVacationRentals.com in Vail, Colo.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Travis C. Beyer '05** is deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (reinforced) at Camp Lejeune, assigned as the ground combat element of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Afghanistan. Their mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations with an emphasis on training and mentoring Afghan national police.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **David W. Fickle '05** was designated a naval aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One, Meridian, Miss. He received the "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Morgan Fore '05 is the wrestling coach at Lake Norman High School. He is a silver certified wrestling coach through USA Wrestling.

Christina Tracey Hadding '05 and her husband William announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marie, on March 9, 2009. They reside in Abingdon, Md.

Margaret F. Lineberger '05M and Jason W. Rollison were married April 25, 2009.

Bevin Prince '05 stars on the CW's *One Tree Hill* as the ditzy cheerleader, Bevin Mirksey.

Sam Romano '05 and his brother **Joe Romano '02, '07M** are partners in the Seaview Crab Company in Wilmington. They were featured in the Sept. 11, 2009, edition of the *Wilmington Star-News*.

William C. Stricker '05 earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in global management on May 16, 2009, from Babson College.

Blake Adams '06, a New York-based actor, plays the role of the Ocean City, Md., mascot Rodney the Lifeguard in an advertising campaign. He also has appeared in a national Red Lobster commercial, as Susan Lucci's massage therapist on *All My Children* and in a billboard campaign in New York City to promote the Showtime series *The Tudors*.

Brandon L. Boswell '06M published a Christian humor book, *My Personal Journey on the Road of Life*. This book along with his first book, *Raising Prayers, Not Hell: Life through the Eyes of a Christian Teenager*, were added to the North Carolina Collection and are permanently located in the Louis Round Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Jody B. Bowman '06 is a Spanish instructor in the Department of Modern Foreign Language at High Point University.

Kevina Kay Casaletto '06 was accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Belize Aug. 21 for pre-service training as a teacher volunteer.

Tiffany L. Edgell '06 announces the birth of Gabriel Lynn Edgell on July 11, 2009. Tiffany is a merchandising operations specialist for Motricity Inc.

Betsy Huffine '06 is the scheduler for U.S. Rep. Howard Coble.

Samantha J. Lesch '06 and William Garrison Rudisill Jr. were married April 11, 2009.

Kasi S. Lynch '06 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in community agency counseling at NC State University. Her thesis is focusing on the effectiveness of a relational aggression intervention.

Katherine Miller '06 and AJ Meador were married June 27, 2009. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 16, 2009, and is pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Sheirra Chestnut Meares '06 and her husband Franklin announce the birth of a daughter, Farrah Ahloni Kyannah, on March 15, 2008. Sheirra is an early childhood teacher at Whiteville High School.

Kevin Norman '06 is the assistant coach for the Sawanee men's and women's swimming teams. He earned a Master of Science degree in exercise science and human performance in 2009 from Southern Connecticut State University.

Nicole Parrett '06 and Jesse Johnson were married April 4, 2009.

Brian Pate '06 worked in the White House for George W. Bush and currently works for Barack Obama.

Ken Thompson '06 competed in the Bravo series *Make Me a Supermodel*. He is the lead singer with the rock band Unity in Nashville, Tenn.

Matthew D. Glova '07 was honored at UNCW's E.L. White Society reception on Nov. 20, 2008.

Sarah Hatter '07 completed her two-year commitment to Teach for America in June 2009.

Lt. Matthew Mason '07 is serving with other Seahawks in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. They include students **Sgt. Thomas Tharrington II '11**, **Sgt. Mark Mazzone '10**, **Sp. Andrew Everette '09** and **Capt. Chris Padgett '93** who is with UNCW Police. They were photographed Oct. 19 with a UNCW banner on a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. (photo)

Michael Marbry '07 plays baseball with the Asheville Tourists in the Class A South Atlantic League.

Suesan Sullivan '07 is the new executive director of the YWCA Lower Cape Fear.

Jon Thompson '07 is the director of radio and television for the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., where he assists with media training. He also worked for the Republican National Committee, the McCain and Palin campaign and presidential debates and GOP convention in Minnesota.

Jeremy Tomlinson '07 is rebuilding his stonemasonry business after an 18-month deployment to Iraq in 2004.

Justin Williams '07 returned home in June after more than two years as a community development Peace Corps volunteer in Forestiere, Saint Lucia.

Matthew Wisthoff '07 earned first place in the 11th annual Bandit's Challenge Triathlon. He beat last year's winning time by two minutes and his own 2008 time by six minutes.

Ameet Doshi '08M passed the LEED Accredited Professional exam in March 2009. Ameet is a librarian at Georgia Perimeter College.

Eida Perez Garcia '08M is a manager with Brunnen Internacional, SA de C.V.

Brittany Main '08 joined the Wilmington Police Department after completing 18 weeks of basic law enforcement training.

Jack Mans '08 was promoted to a staff level II accountant at WithumSmith+Brown in Red Bank, N.J.

Julie McIntyre Poindexter '08 is a sales associate with Prudential Carolinas Realty.

Caroline Roberts '08 was the assistant to Academy Award winning director Rob Marshall on the movie *Nine* which stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman, Judi Dench, Kate Hudson and Sophia Loren. It premiered Nov. 25, 2009. www.apple.com/trailers/weinstein/nine

Sarah Rushing '08 is one of 215 members of AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps who completed 10 months of full-time service to communities in need.

Mona K. Vance '08 is the 2009 recipient of Glover Moore Prize through the Mississippi Historical Society, which is awarded annually to the author of the best master's thesis on a topic in Mississippi history completed during the previous year.

Kaitlin Helms '09 is the staff assistant for N.C. Rep. Mike McIntyre.

Danielle E. McConnell '09 was appointed by the Education Office of Embassy of Spain to a teaching assistantship in a Spanish school for the 2009-10 academic year beginning Oct. 1.

Jamie Costin Mathews '09 and her husband John announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on May 28, 2008. Lucas has two siblings, Tyler and Cameron. Jamie is an administrative specialist at GE-Hitachi in Wilmington.

Pamela Lawrence '09 along with **Heather SangtINETTE '09** and **Richard Munday '08** are enrolled in the Elon University School of Law.

Friends

Wes Berlin died June 4, 2009. He was a member of the Cameron School of Business marketing department faculty and also served as an Executive in Residence and Cameron Executive Network mentor.

Ruby Knox died Aug. 11, 2009, at the age of 96. She was one of the original business faculty members at Wilmington College during the 1960s, teaching introductory accounting and communications in the Department of Business and Economics. She retired in the late 1970s. She was able to witness her great-grandchild, Derek Poole, graduate in May as one of the top students in the Cameron School of Business.



Master and commander: a creative writer at sea

by Philip Gerard

The topsail schooner *Pride of Baltimore II* is horsing along at eight and a half knots – just under 10 miles per hour. On a cloud-dark, rain-splattered night, 80 miles out in the Atlantic, we seem to be flying. At precisely 8 p.m., I take the big wheel to steer for the next four hours. The three crew of A-watch and the rest of my mates on B-watch lay aloft to furl the lightweight stunsails and skyscraping topgallants as the wind rises toward gale-strength. The stars disappear, leaving me to steer by the glowing compass card.

It's crucial to keep a steady course, to keep the boat from slewing or rolling too hard, while all those people are in the rigging almost a hundred feet above the deck, working by feel alone, lest they be tossed into thin air.

Forward of the wheel, Capt. **Jamie Trost '96** climbs out of the main cabin from time to time, backlit by the weak red glow of the nav-station lights below, where he's been working out the rhumbline into Jacksonville, Fla.

"What's your course?" he asks in a calm voice.

"Two-thirty."

"Make it two-fifty."

"Two-fifty, aye," says I, and turn the wheel slowly until the lubber line on the compass card lines up with the new course.

We're having a reunion, Jamie and I. At 33, tall, sunburned and fit, he's a veteran sea captain who has sailed the world's oceans and inland seas aboard a variety of traditional vessels. More than a dozen years ago, when he studied creative writing at UNCW, Jamie sailed as my crackerjack foredeck crew on the sloop *Savoir-Faire*, racing off Myrtle Beach. He did all the hard work – handling the spinaker, changing out jibs. He was, even then, a man of both action and reflection.

After graduation in December 1996, he served on two Great Lakes schooners before joining the *Amistad*, a replica slave trader made famous by the movie of the same name, as chief mate and education director. Soon he advanced to captain of the Chesapeake Bay schooner *Sultana*.

"It was the best first command I ever could have had," he recalled. "She's small and manageable, very traditional, the rig, the construction, everything." But after a few seasons, he yearned for a bigger vessel, a bigger challenge. So he took a demotion from captain to third mate on the tall ship *Niagara*, based in his boyhood hometown of Erie, Pa.

"I had gone from captain of a 50-ton schooner with a crew of seven to fourth in command on a 315-ton brig where my division alone was bigger than my whole crew had once been. I imagine it in a writing sense, going from being an editor at a small-town paper to being a reporter at the *New York Times*. You're stepping up in scale in a huge way."

The theme of our reunion has been leadership – what it is, how it is manifest in various professions, why good leadership is a necessity out here in the ocean. My former student and crew member is now the one giving the orders to a crew of 11, and I have absolute confidence in his judgment and ability.

"We are constantly in a hostile environment," he said. "There is no love for boats or people in the middle of the ocean. The ocean doesn't care. Conrad writes very extensively about that, and he has a great line I only remember in paraphrase about how ships, like people, like to have their faults ignored and their qualities lauded, when in reality it's the other way around."

After each voyage, and after specific maneuvers, Jamie gathers the crew amidships for a debriefing. "I think that process I was exposed to in creative writing is key to that: What worked and what didn't work? That whole process of deconstructing the details of something that happened and then tinkering with, 'This could have been better about it, and this is why.'"

When a mate's berth opened in *Pride II* for her European tour in 2005, he jumped at the chance. The 185-ton, 157-foot-long schooner is a replica of the Baltimore clippers that fought as American privateers during the War of 1812. On Sept. 5, a hundred miles off the coast of France, a fitting failed, the bowsprit cracked in half, and since the rigging load is

connected fore and aft, the foremast and mainmasts both came crashing down on deck. Jamie was nearly crushed by the falling foremast but rolled into a lucky niche along the bulwarks with another mate, and the two were trapped together under tons of falling sail.

"It's not what you want to have happen at all – a tradewind passage home across the Atlantic would have been great – but in terms of learning how to deal with a full-on crisis, it was invaluable." Jamie took

charge of one of two work parties. He had himself lowered into the water and worked in the failing light of dusk to wrap a line around the bowsprit so it wouldn't punch a hole in the ship.

"When I saw the situation – and this goes back to the idea of leadership, and if you really break it down, you are leading the way – I said, there's no way I'm sending anybody else to do this."

It was a remarkable achievement. In just a few hours of remaining daylight, the crew cleared the debris, and the ship was on course under power for Saint-Nazaire. Jamie spent six months in France overseeing the refit and later was offered a captaincy. "I learned to speak French, but I spoke it like a 10-year-old kid who had been raised in a shipyard."

By contrast, our voyage from Wilmington to Jacksonville was a sleigh ride. When I left *Pride II* at the wharf on the St. Johns River, Jamie waved from his perch high in the crosstrees of the foremast, exactly where he belonged.

Philip Gerard chairs the Department of Creative Writing.



Philip Gerard and Jamie Trost



What happens when a Seahawk decides to trek the Himalayas with three Tar Heels?

WELL, A RIVALRY, OF COURSE

by J.J. Knight '10

In May, **Charlie Schmidt '05** went on a two-week trek to the summit of Kala Patthar in the Nepali Himalayas with three of his best friends, UNC alumni Aaron Houghton, Scott Dillard and Erik Severinghaus.

Outside the tea house they were using for lodging, the three UNC alumni decided to pay homage to their alma mater by using rocks to spell out its initials. Schmidt decided to add his own tribute with a "W" at the end.

After the memorial was no longer a photo opportunity, it became a chance for competition. The "W" kept disappearing and reappearing during the night and next morning. As the group set off for higher elevations, last chance efforts were made in the name of school spirit. "I'm still not sure how we left it," Schmidt said. "I don't know if the 'W' made it or not."

Schmidt had been bitten by the travel bug prior to this adventure, journeying with friends in college and visiting nine countries outside of the U.S. So when the idea of trekking through the Himalayas to see Mt. Everest was proposed, he immediately was on board.

"I felt that it would be an amazing opportunity," Schmidt said. "It's hard to describe the full magnitude of standing in person and looking at Mt. Everest. It is not just another mountain, but *the* mountain, the tallest in the world, the one that everyone since grade school has studied and read about in all their geography books."

Schmidt's passion for other cultures and new experiences is what propelled him to go on the trip, but it was his friends that made it an adventure of a lifetime. "Looking back," Schmidt said, "if I had gone alone, I know I would have been miserable."

During the course of the trip, Schmidt developed a chest cold due to the extreme temperature changes and the difference in air quality. He occasionally had to remind himself to take pleasure in his surroundings and the experiences.

"Despite everything," Schmidt said, "the lack of air pressure, colds, coughs, inadequate accommodations, lack of plumbing, with my three best friends there laughing, joking and going through it with me, it made it one of the greatest experiences of my life."

Now back in the States, Schmidt and his friends have returned to their jobs and their separate corners of North Carolina. During the current economic climate, financial worries can overcast the importance of relationships and the power of friendship.

"So many times we get stuck in the rut of getting up, going to work and coming home. Those days go by all just blended together with virtually no memories. Now, while everyone has to work to sustain a comfortable life, I have been making better efforts to utilize my spare time for memorable activities," Schmidt said. "I learned that with three of my best friends, I can go through anything, do anything."



Success

takes many paths

by Kate Heaton '09

Chadwick “Chad” Tyner ’98 has proven one can be successful in a harsh economy.

This native North Carolinian is co-founder of Skypanels, a non-profit organization that produces decorative florescent light diffusers, and *University Link*, a 100-page subscription magazine that launched in April. Chad also is working with **Tony McNeill ’97** on a product called The Desk Mate, a pen and book holder that attaches to elementary school desks.

After leaving UNC Wilmington with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, Chad journeyed to London for a year and then moved to New York City where he acted in television commercials for Coors Light and Mazda, among many others.

“I see acting as I do surfing. I enjoy doing both whether I can get paid or not. Most places that you live you can do some form of acting,” said Chad.

In 2001, after battling the cold climate of New York, Chad moved to Los Angeles, where he decided to switch career paths. “With acting, you have a lot of down time and having a business is something you can do on your own,” he said.

Skypanels can be seen at several Wilmington-area establishments including Blair Middle School, Sahara Pita Pit restaurant and even UNCW. These fluorescent light diffusers are available in an array of cloud designs that help create a more relaxed, soothing atmosphere and are currently being researched for medical benefits.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Skypanels is donated to charities like Make-A-Wish Foundation and cancer research.

With headliners like Jimmy Fallon, Kendra Wilkinson and Jack Black on the cover of *University Link*, Chad’s magazine is sure to catch the attention of many college students. He plans to expand the magazine into 10 major college markets, including the Raleigh/Durham and Wilmington areas, by 2011. In each market, the magazine will use local college students as writers to reach the demographic audience and provide them with beneficial work experience.

“It simultaneously creates unique opportunities for the next generation of great writers and journalists, while providing its college-age audience with the most compelling, entertaining, informative and thoughtful stories available in any medium,” Chad said.

Chad believes his psychology degree has been a great asset to his business successes.

“Everyone has different perspectives in business, and the faster you can understand someone’s perspective the better you are at negotiating and resolving any conflict,” Chad said. “That goes a long way into creating products and creating business relationships.”

Chad and his wife **Niki Bryan Tyner ’99** live in Pasadena, Calif., with their son, Tristan. Niki, who earned a bachelor’s degree in education, is general manager for Archstone-Smith, a rental property company.

Video clips from Chad’s nationwide television commercials are available online at: youtube.com/watch?v=XARBPdOZA0c&feature=channel and youtube.com/watch?v=POiA8BJ9Psc&feature=channel_page.



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February

- 2 Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Simon Boccanegra* by Giuseppe Verdi
- 3 Wilmington Concert Association • Teatro Lirico d'Europa: *La Traviata*
- 6 Wilmington Symphony
- 13 North Carolina Symphony
- 15 Leadership Lecture Series • Jonathan Kozol
- 17 Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
- 18 Arts in Action • Punch Brothers
- 23 Chopin200 • Norman Bemelmans, piano
- 25 North Carolina Wind Symphony
- 27 Crew Club Reunion

March

- 6-14 UNCW Spring Break
- 13 Wilmington Symphony
- 17 Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
- 19 Selected Shorts • Celebration of the Short Story
- 20 UNCW Opera
- 22 Leadership Lecture Series • Gary Hirshberg
- 23 Cameron School of Business Alumni & Retired Faculty Mixer
- 24 Cameron School of Business Alumni Speaker Breakfast
- 26 Arts in Action • Chris Potter's Underground
- 26 Communication Studies Day
- 30 Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* • *Hamlet* by Ambrose Thomas

April

- 10 Good Friday • UNCW Offices Closed
- 11 Chamber Music Wilmington • Kronos Quartet
- 21 Wilmington College Chapter Luncheon • Jackson's BBQ
- 22 Wilmington Concert Association • Haochen Zhang, piano
- 24-25 Wilmington Symphony
- 26 Last Day of Classes
- 27 UNCW Wind Symphony

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Spouse _____
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Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____ E-mail _____

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Birth: ☐ Son ☐ Daughter Child's name _____ Date of birth _____

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

7 p.m. Alumni Association Awards
Program Honoring:
Lee Michael Grant '00 Young Alumnus
Bill Saffo '83, Distinguished Alumnus
Walter Pancoe, Distinguished Citizen

7 p.m. 13th Annual Port City Step Show

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

9:30 a.m. Cameron School of Business Alumni Breakfast
9:30 a.m. School of Nursing Alumni Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Communication Studies Alumni Brunch
11 a.m. African American Graduate Association Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Housing & Residence Life Reunion
Noon UNCW Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
1 p.m. Watson School of Education Alumni Reception
2 p.m. Swimming & Diving vs. ECU
2:30 p.m. Psychology Department Alumni Reception
2:30 p.m. Transition Programs Reunion - Orientation Leaders
& Seahawk Links
4 p.m. Homecoming parade
4 p.m. Pre-Game TEALgate party
6 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Towson
8:30 p.m. All Alumni Celebration

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